

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
- ☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all):

Travel date(s): January 5-8, 2017

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	530.00	338.58	160.00	

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

Friday Site visit Angola Prison agricultural and training programs

agenda attached with attendance noted

2/3/17
(Date)

Marge KilKelly
(Printed name of traveler)

[Signature]
(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

2/3/17
(Date)

[Signature]
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

Form RE-2



2017 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit

January 6-8, 2017 in Baton Rouge, LA

Site Visits 1 and 4: Grain Terminal and Monsanto agriculture chemical production

ADM Ama is the grain division's highest volume export facility with concrete silo storage of 5 million bushels. Annual volume ranges between 330 million to 400 million bushels with over twenty types of grain and processed products shipped to over 90 countries. The Monsanto plant is in the middle of an expansion to add Dicamba production to the crop chemicals already produced there. This site visit will take approximately 6 hours because of a 90 minute bus ride to the facility, you will be seeing a good portion of south Louisiana. Jeans recommended, closed toe, slip resistant shoes, no jewelry. Pick up your box lunch. It will be offered twice;

Site Visit 1: Thursday, January 5: Leave at 12:30 pm, return by 6:00 pm
Site Visit 4: Friday, January 6: Leave at 1:00 pm, return by 6:00 pm

Hosted by;

Chris Riley, Greg Webb, Susanna Zimmerman with ADM and Rachel Hurley, Leslea Snyder and Jeff Williams with Monsanto.

Site Visit 2: Catfish and Crawfish

You will be visiting Guidry's catfish processing facility, Cajun family owned and operated since 1976, located in the heart of south Louisiana, it is the largest catfish processing facility in the state and one of the largest producers of U.S. farm raised catfish in the United States. Guidry's caters to both the foodservice industry and the retail customer, offering over 70 different catfish items, as well as their blend of fish fry and hushpuppies. Crawfish production is a double cropping system with rice. Depending on how the flooding impacted them and the weather in December you may be part of a harvesting crew! Lunch served before return.

Friday, January 6, 2017: Leave Baton Rouge at 7:30 am - Return to Baton Rouge by 1:00 pm

Tour Guidry's catfish processing then Crawfish/rice farm, lunch at Crawfishtown USA. Jeans recommended, closed toe, slip resistant shoes, no jewelry.

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When many states have ended their use of farms for prisoners, the largest maximum security prison in the United States with 6,300 prisoners still produces much of what they consume. They grow, process and freeze produce, the beef operation provides work experience and uses much of the ground around the prison. Essentially every prisoner has a job or is taking classes in this program, they have a crafts unit, auto mechanic shop, farm equipment and leather repair and hold two rodeos a year, all run by the inmates and open to the public. It's not what you expect from a prison. Lunch at the prison, by the inmates.

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Friday, January 6, 2017: Leave hotel at 1:00 pm for Walls Alligator Farm and Gator Trax Boats. Return to hotel by 5:00 pm

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Sunday, January 8 **All sessions will be in Riverview**

8:30 am** Riverview	Buffet Breakfast Annual Meeting, elections and resolutions. Representative Steve Kulik and Senator Eddie Fields	
9:15 am	Future of Technology and Agriculture <i>Val Giddings, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation</i>	<u>Attended</u>
10:00 am	What to Expect with the New Administration Senator Brian Munzlinger, moderating	<u>Attended</u>
	<i>Anne Hazlett, Senate Agriculture Committee Counsel</i> <i>Marge Kilkelly, Agriculture Analyst, Senator Angus King</i> <i>Gary Baise, OFW Law</i>	→ Spoke & did QA
11:00 am	A Look at Recent State Agriculture/Rural Laws and Rising Issues <i>Harrison Pittman, Director of the National Ag Law Center</i>	<u>Attended</u>
11:30 am	Lunch and Closing	Lunch w/ New England/Northeast Attendees

** AG America would like to invite Republican Legislators for coffee before breakfast in the Governor Room.

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Saturday January 7, 2017 continued

2:30- 3:45pm Breakout Session II:

Capitol Room F. Does the bioeconomy offer economic growth for rural communities?

The bioeconomy comprises the use renewable biological resources from land and sea – such as crops, forests, fish, animals and micro-organisms – to produce food, materials and energy. A new report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows that in 2014, the biobased products industry contributed \$393 billion and 4.2 million jobs to America's recovering economy. The report also indicates that the sector grew from 2013 to 2014, creating or supporting an additional 220,000 jobs and \$24 billion over that period. This session will focus on developing markets and competitiveness in bioeconomy sectors. *South Dakota Senator Jason Frerichs, moderating, staffed by Bob Haefner.*

Joe Hrdlicka Executive Director, Iowa Biotechnology Association

Dr. Murray McLaughlin, Executive Director, Bioindustrial Innovation Canada

Governor Room G. States must decide how to respond to Food Safety Modernization Act

Now that the Food Safety Modernization Act is law and the FDA has released the regulations for it, states have to make the decision, to harmonize all, some or none of the FSMA rules into state regulations for food and feed. The answer will determine the funds the state receives from the FDA and how their companies work in the marketplace. On top of all of this is the implementation of the Veterinary Feed Directive Act. *Illinois Representative Norine Hammond, moderating, staffed by Tara Sad.*

Joe Reardon, Consumer Protection Assistant Commissioner, North Carolina Dept Agriculture

Angela Mills, Manager, Regulatory Compliance, Southern States Cooperative

Marcie Campion, Ph.D. Vice President of Technical Services, Pro-Pet

Louisiana Room H. The future of forestry and agritourism

Rural economies have often depended on natural resource industries, from agriculture to forestry. But today, we need to find ways to overcome challenges and expand the players, do new opportunities in forestry, increased young farmers and activities like agritourism offer ways to grow these industries? How can states be involved? *Vermont Representative Carolyn Partridge, moderating, staffed by Mindy Bridges.*

Seth Barnes, Oregon Forest & Industries Council

Lindsey Shute, Executive Director, National Young Farmers Coalition

King Room I. Does aquaculture offer economic opportunities?

Aquaculture is different in different parts of the country, but in Louisiana it is an economic driver, with fish and shellfish consumption increasing, how can we help it grow economies in other parts of the country? *Michigan Representative Triston Cole, moderating, staffed by Karen Marshall.*

Mr. Sebastian Belle, Executive Director, Maine Aquaculture Association

Leo Ray, Owner Fish Breeders of Idaho

Dr. Jimmy Avery, Extension Professor, Mississippi State University

Paramount J. Mini-meeting – Discussion on Agriculture and Climate Change

The mini-meetings are legislator led (no speakers) open discussions on a topic of interest. *Saskatchewan Minister Scott Moe* will lead a mini-meeting on the impact of and adjusting to climate change in food production.

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4:00-5:15 pm Breakout Session III:

To sustain rural communities, their schools, hospitals and public services, it will require job re-growth, thinking outside the box, fiscal capital and strong leadership. This session will focus on how to get it done. *Senator Judy Schwank, moderating, staffed by Tara Sad.*

Louisiana Room L. How can trade support rural communities?

Trade is a focus of this year's presidential campaign, but in reality, what is the role of trade for agriculture and rural communities and how can we maximize any federal decisions for our industries? *Manitoba Minister Ralph Eichler, moderating, staffed by Mindy Bridges.*

King Room **M. How are states responding to endangered and invasive species?**

While the feds may make the rules, the states have to deal with the impacts of endangered species regulations, and states are also facing growing invasive species challenges, what are our options? *Idaho's Doug Jones, moderating, staffed by Karen Marshall.*

Governor Room **N. Growing animal agriculture**

Strong animal agriculture is important for meeting growing food demands and serve as a great value added market for grain and forage producers and byproduct utilization. But ballot initiatives and zoning limitations by some communities are challenging growth. How can we be good neighbors and face the challenges? Georgia Senator Bill Heath, moderating, Staffed by Bob Haefner.

Diane Sullivan, Massachusetts
Brad Mitchell, Deputy Executive Director, Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation
Dr. Steve Davis, Colorado Quality Research
Senator John Kuehn, Nebraska

7:00 pm **Dinner; Vision Networking Roundtables**
Riverview

Each table will have a topic on it. We suggest you select your dinner table by topic and join your peers and our conference speakers to delve deeper into complex topics

*Senator Brian Munzlinger, Moderating
Canadian Agriculture Minister Lawrence MacAulay
Introduction by Manitoba Minister Ralph Eichler*

**9:00 – 11:30 pm Hospitality Suite
Heidelberg**

Attended

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Saturday January 7, 2017 continued

9:45 am Breakout Session I:

Governor Room A. Promoting resiliency in rural communities and responding to natural disasters.

It has been a stressful year for many rural communities, the flood in Baton Rouge, hurricane Matthew on the U.S. coast and fire in Alberta and eastern Tennessee are just a few of the extreme events that tremendously impacted rural communities. Rural communities face special challenges related to emergency preparedness and response, including resource limitations, remoteness, separation, low population density and communication issues. This session will focus on successful rural responses to floods, fires, droughts and other natural disasters. *Iowa Senator David Johnson, moderating, staffed by Anne Brody.*

Dr. Adam Whelchel, Director of Science, The Nature Conservancy

Oneil Carlier, Alberta Minister of Agriculture and Forestry

William Rachal, Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

Louisiana Room B. Integrating an "All of the Above Energy" policy into rural economic development.

Rural communities are in the driver's seat for all energy, regardless of source, how do we maximize the return to the community and what issues are we facing? *Iowa Senator Tim Kapucian, moderating, staffed by Karen Marshall.*

Larry Sherwood, President, Interstate Renewable Energy Council

Rich Walsh, Senior Vice President, Valero

King Room C. How can we bring broadband home?

We all know that good, reasonable priced broadband is a requirement for a viable community, how do we get that? This session will focus on the technology, the financing and the methods to bring broadband to your district. *Indiana Senator Jean Leising moderating, staffed by Tara Sad.*

Bill Coleman, Community Technology Advisors

Don Williams, Senior Program Specialist, Broadband USA

Capitol Room D. Transportation

The quality of our transportation infrastructure is paramount to getting products into and out of rural communities. Are there answers to funding of infrastructure projects? How will the growing number of electric and hybrid vehicles impact our infrastructure funding? *Oregon Representative Brad Witt, moderating, staffed by Bob Haefner.*

Kevin Pula, Transportation Research Analyst, NCSL

Mr. Mike Steenhoek, Executive Director, Soy Transportation Coalition

Senator Stuart Adams, Utah State Senate

Paramount E. Mini-meeting - Right to Repair Discussion

The mini-meetings are legislator led (no speakers) open discussions on a topic of interest. **North Carolina Senator Brent Jackson** will lead a discussion on whether tractor owners should have the right to access all diagnostic equipment and repair information.

11:15 am

Buffet Networking Lunch

Lunch mtg. w/ New England Reps

Riverview

We need to empty the lunch room by 12:30 so they can turn it for plenary

1:00 – 2:15 pm

Concurrent Plenary on Water

Riverview

I. Water Quality. Representative Larry Rhoden, moderating.

Christopher Henney, President, Ohio Agribusiness Association

Mike Naig, Deputy Director, Iowa Department of Agriculture

Ann Swanson, Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission

Heidelberg

II. Water Quantity. Kansas Senator Carolyn McGinn, moderating.

Burke Griggs, Washburn University School of Law

Danny Merkley, Director, Water Resources, California Farm Bureau Federation

Clive Strong, Idaho Deputy Attorney General



2017 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit

January 6-8, 2017 in Baton Rouge, LA

Friday, January 6, 2017

6:00 pm
Riverview A

Opening reception: Welcome, Massachusetts Representative Steve Kulik
Welcome from Louisiana Agriculture Commissioner, Dr. Mike Strain

attended

7:00 pm

7:00 pm **Four Regional Dinners:** based on The Council of State Government regions. Each dinner will have regional agriculture economist in them to moderate a post dinner discussion on the economic status of agriculture and rural in each region.

Midwest- Governor Room: Hosted by Senator David Johnson, moderated by Dr. John Lawrence, Iowa State Staff: Ben Husch

South – Capitol Room: Hosted by Representative Brad Witt, moderated by Dr. Mickey Paggi, Fresno State
Staff: Mindy Bridges

West – King Room: Hosted by Representative Kevin Ryan, moderated by Dr. James Dunn, Penn State
Staff: Tara Sad

East- Louisiana Room: Hosted by Senator Brian Munzlinger, moderated by Dr. Scott Brown, University of Missouri
Staff: Anne Roberts *Attended*

Attended

9:00 – 10:00 pm
University Room

Canadian Delegate Meeting

9:00 -9:45
Boardroom

Kansas City Planning meeting
Missouri and Kansas attendees please join this short meeting on the 2018 logistics

9:00 – 11:30 pm
Riverview A

Hospitality Suite

Saturday January 7, 2017

6:30 – 7:45 am

Buffet Breakfast

Heidelberg (top floor)

8:00 am
Riverview

Welcome- Representative Steve Kulik
Consumer focus group and discussion panel

Attended

How can rural/agriculture best influence the conversation. How can rural advocates turn/keep the conversation about our issues positive? *Moderated by Adrian Percy.*

Plenary Discussion:

Janice Tranberg, SaskCanola
Matthew Bailey, Foundation for Biomedical Research
Dawn Caldwell, Finding Our Common Ground

Attended

9:30 am

Coffee and pastries in foyer as you head to Breakouts. Breakout rooms are limited on space, we have to do our best!

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Name of Traveler: _____

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): State Agriculture and Rural Leaders, Inc

Travel date(s): January 5-8, 2017

Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.

Destination(s): Baton Rouge, LA

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

I am Senator King's Ag LA and have been asked to speak at this conference on rural ag issues, problems that are present and how we can resolve those issues for small and large states.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

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(Date)

lete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Marge Kidwell

(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):


I, ANGUS S. KING hereby authorize MARGE KILKELEY
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

14/14/14
(Date)

ee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation



(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): State Agriculture and Rural Leaders, Inc
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2. Description of the trip: To speak at the 2017 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit, a gathering of legislators that are responsible for agriculture and rural policy in the states.
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3. Dates of travel: January 5-8
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4. Place of travel: Baton Rouge, Louisiana
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5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Marge Kilkelly, Senior Policy Advisor, Senator Angus King
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6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
- ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
- OR –
- ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- AND –
- ☐ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
- ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
- AND –
- ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$600.00	\$250.00	\$150.00	

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The 2017 Legislative Ag Chairs Summit will occur without regard to congressional participation

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Summit moves around to different states, based on invitation by the state legislators involved.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Hilton Baton Rouge Capital Center

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

RFP, cheapest price that could provide needed facilities

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Federal per diem is \$98 per night for lodging, our rate for the hotel is \$129, it includes parking and internet

Federal per diem for meals is \$59, we are in this range.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Coach airfare

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

There is no entertainment planned in the Summit

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:



Name and Title: Carolyn Orr, Executive Secretary

Name of Organization: State Agriculture and Rural Leaders

Address: 6181 West State Rd 28, West Lebanon, IN 47991

Telephone Number: 765-893-8209

Fax Number: 765-893-8286

E-mail Address: corr@sarl.us



The Legislative Ag Chairs Summit always begins with optional site visits of local agriculture activities. The Site Visits for the 2017 Summit in Baton Rouge includes a Delta Grain Terminal, Catfish, Crawfish, Alligators, and the Nation's Largest Prison Farm. Site visits begin on Thursday, January 5, 2017.

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The Legislative Ag Chairs Summit Educational Sessions will take place at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capital Center hotel, beginning Friday, January 7 at 8:00 am and concluding at noon on Sunday, January 8.

Attendance is limited to 150 legislators, by invitation-only. Invitation are extended to legislative committee chairs, and by referral from National Conference of State Legislatures and Council of State Governments. All on-site expenses; registration, meals and hotel, are covered by State Agriculture and Rural Leaders, a 501 c(3). The meeting is staffed by National Conference of State Legislatures and Council of State Governments.

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C. Ag and rural need to take sustainability by the horns

We have often fought the term sustainability because it tends to be co-opted by those wanting to change traditional agriculture, but across the spectrum marketers are using the term to define us, it's time we proved how sustainable we really are. What role do policy makers play in meeting consumer demand and enduring the long term sustainability of our agriculture industry?

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Buffet Lunch

11:30 am

1:00 – 2:15 pm

The most important issue that few of our constituents are talking about. This session will feature what states are doing and how they are funding it.

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4:00-5:15 pm

To sustain rural communities, their schools, hospitals and public services, it will require job re-growth, thinking outside the box, fiscal capital and strong leadership. This session will focus on how to get it done.

Trade is a focus of this year's presidential campaign, but in reality, what is the role of trade for agriculture and rural communities and how can we maximize any federal decisions for our industries?

While the feds may make the rules, the states have to deal with the impacts of endangered species regulations, and states are also facing growing invasive species challenges, what are our options?

Strong animal agriculture is important for meeting growing food demands and serve as a great value added market for grain and forage producers and byproduct utilization. But ballot initiatives and hesitation by some communities are challenging growth. How can we be good neighbors and face the challenges?

Reception and Dinner; Vision Networking Roundtables

Each table will have a topic on it. We suggest you select your dinner table by topic and join your peers and our conference speakers to delve deeper into complex topics

8:30 am

Buffet Breakfast and Annual Meeting

Federal Topics

Canadian Agriculture Minister Lawrence MacAulay (confirmed)
USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack (invited)

What to Expect with the New Administration

A panel of long time DC agriculture experts, prognosticating on the new administration.

A Look at Recent State Agriculture/Rural Laws and Rising Issues

Harrison Pittman, Director of the National Ag Law Center

Lunch and Closing



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August 8, 2016

Ms Marge Kilkelly
Office of Senator Angus King
133 Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ms. Kilkelly,

I am requesting your participation in the State Agriculture and Rural Leaders, 2017 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit to be held in Baton Rouge, LA, January 6-8, 2017.

The Summit brings together the elected state legislative leadership with oversight for agriculture and rural policy in U.S. States and Canadian Provinces. For the last 15 years, approximately 150 state and provincial leaders have gathered to discuss, network and problem solve the key issues impacting the agriculture industry and rural communities at the annual summit. The Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit is the meeting to attend for state legislators interested in agriculture and rural communities and it has served as a model for other policy groups.

As the only organization representing state and provincial legislators with agriculture and rural responsibilities, the Summit's pro-agriculture and rural community mission of finding policy that leads to profitable agriculture and vibrant rural communities can only be accomplished through thoughtful collaborations between state and federal policy makers. The Summit provides an opportunity for elected agricultural policy makers from every state to learn from you about federal legislation and regulations.

SARL is a product of the Council of State Governments and the National Conference of State Legislatures and is a 501c(3), with a no lobbying policy. We know that you get many invitations to speak, but few offer you the opportunity to communicate with the policy makers across North America that are intimately involved with the future of agriculture and rural communities; we hope you will be able to accept this one.

We would like you to participate in a panel of congressional staffers on Sunday, January 8, at 9 am. We can cover any expenses necessary and permitted by congressional ethics laws. I look forward to working with you on the particulars of your participation.

Sincerely,

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December 12, 2016

Marge KilKelly
Office of Senator Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. KilKelly:

This responds to your recent correspondence concerning an invitation you received to travel to the 2017 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on January 5-8, 2016, sponsored by State Agriculture and Rural Leaders, Inc. State Agriculture and Rural Leaders, Inc. certified to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) that it will pay the *necessary expenses*¹ related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, nor lobbying firm, nor an agent of a foreign principal, and it is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. State Agriculture and Rural Leaders, Inc. has also certified that it does not retain or employ a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, and that no registered lobbyist will accompany you at *any point throughout your trip*.²

Based on information and materials available to the Committee, and assuming the **actual** travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, it appears that the proposed payment or reimbursement of necessary expenses for this trip **may be accepted** under relevant Senate Rules and the Committee's *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel*, so long as at the time of the payment or reimbursement, State Agriculture and Rural Leaders, Inc. is neither a registered lobbyist nor lobbying firm under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, nor an agent of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (and is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government), and provided the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rules 34 and 35.

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* and the *Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel*

¹ The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 8.

² The term "any point throughout your trip" has a specific definition. See *id.* at 2.

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Certification Form, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) **within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately-Sponsored Travel.**

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual,³ on his or her Financial Disclosure Report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$375 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their annual Financial Disclosure Report.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,



Deborah Sue Mayer
Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosures: Travel Checklist

³ A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 (\$123,175 for CY 2016) or is a political fund designee and is required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Report.

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